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ACCIDENT IN SIMHADRI POWER PROJECT
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is not adhering to its safety norms in respect of its contract workers working on their projects;

(b) if so, the number of contract workers died/injured and then permanently disabled during the last three years;

(c) the details of accidents occurred at the NTPC site at Simhadri Power Project in Visakhapatnam; and

(d) the compensation paid to their kith and kin?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has detailed General Conditions of Contract (GCC) which is a part of all Contracts signed for execution of project/works. Comprehensive safety clauses are also incorporated in these GCC which the contractors are required to follow to ensure safety of plant, equipment and manpower. Qualified Safety Officers are posted by NTPC to coordinate with the contracting agencies in implementation of safety norms. Contracting agencies also employ Safety Officer for their work areas.

Safety inspection and audits are conducted at regular intervals to identify unsafe conditions/actions and corrective actions are taken accordingly. Safety training and safety awareness programmes are also conducted including the contract labour working at the projects.

(b) : The number of accidents occurring in the last three years at Simhadri Project during construction stage is 17. Out of these, 14 were fatal and 3 were minor. There were no permanent disablement injuries in these accidents.

(c) : The details of the accidents occurring at Simhadri Power project are as follows :

A. FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Agency and Location	Causes
NEC (HSCL) Sea Water Pump House	While working above sea water, the worker slipped and fell into the sea and died.
Paramjyothi (BHEL) Erection Works of ESP-I	While climbing the ladder, the worker slipped from a height of 9 meters and died.
SPICJEL (BHEL) Boiler-II	The worker fell from about 34 meters Elevation grating floor while returning to job after lunch.
NBCC Cooling Tower-II	While the worker was operating concrete vibrator, he got electric shock.
SIMPLEX (BHEL) Power House-II BC Bay Axis 21-22	While the worker was fixing shuttering plate 17 meters, he slipped and fell.
NBCC Cooling Tower-I	Collapse of access platform
SIMPLEX (BHEL) service Building Construction	While the worker was picking up a wooden batten, he got electric shock as he accidentally came in contract with temporary electric installation.
NBCC Cooling Tower-II	While erecting the precast column, accidentally the column fell down and resulted in fatal injury.
KEC (BHEL) Boiler-I	The cage which is used for lifting refractory material by KEC from 0 meter in Boiler-I was snapped and fell on two workers of M/s. L&T, which resulted in fatal injury to one worker and minor injury to the other.

B. OTHERS (Minor injuries)

SIMPLEX (BHEL)	Steel Yard	Fall of foreign particle into left eye of the worker.
UB Engg. (BHEL)	Cable Trestle near Service Building	Contract with KV overhead line.
RAGMET (BHEL)	Boiler IC-Row	While coming from workplace, the worker slipped.

(d) : Compensation according to the provisions of the Workmen`s Compensation Act has been paid in all the cases.